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To Robert U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMME Attorney Docket Number 006979-001260 **DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR** First Named Inventor Blue Houser DESIGN COMPLETE IF KNOWN PATENT APPLICATION Application Number 10/710,285 (37 CFR 1.63) Declaration Declaration Filing Date June 30, 2004 Submitted OR Submitted after Initial Art Unit with Initial Filing (surcharge) (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) Filing **Examiner Name** required) I hereby declare that: Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name. I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: DOOR OPERATOR (Title of the Invention) the specification of which is attached hereto was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) June 30, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/710,285 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-

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